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Telecom service provider accused of digging up roads without required permission, leading to sewage mixing with drinking water due to damage to underground drain and Cauvery water supply pipes

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FIR against 6 persons, including BBMP, BWSSB officials

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After an FIR was filed against six persons including an assistant engineer of BBMP and assistant executive engineer of BWSSB, the menace of haphazard optical fiber laying in the city has come to the fore. The Puttenahalli Police have registered a first information report (FIR) against the six persons for laying optical fibre cables without paying the specified amount to the BBMP. The FIR was registered on June 29 under the Section 3 of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984 and under the Sections 217, 120B, 409, 420, 432, and 269 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) 1860.

According to the FIR, workers engaged by a telecom service provider have dug up roads without permission

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> It is not clear whether the BBMP has received the specified amount from the telecom service provider. My objective is that telecom service providers must pay money for digging roads to lay cables
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> – Rowland Soans, a resident of Arakere

CLEAN-UP SQUAD

BBMP plans to form team that will eliminate city's blackspots

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COUNTING DOGS

Finally, much awaited hi-tech dog census kicks off today

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Interesting toys

Digital artist Amrit Pal Singh is presenting an exhibition showcasing a physical toy room at one of the most happening places in the city. The toy room features a collection of seven new Toy Faces. These faces are known to celebrate the whimsy of childhood that would resonate with adults as well and are tributes to legends like MF Husain, Dali, Yayoi Kusama, and more.
Where: Church Street Social
When: until July 23

02 Art on life

The Hotel Royal Orchid Bangalore is collaborating with the Jeevarathni Foundation, a charitable organisation, to organise a three-day art exhibition. The exhibition is titled as Lifescapes and is being presented by artist Kanchan Rathna. The collection of art explores the wonders of nature, the joys of human connection, and more.
Where: Hotel Royal Orchid Bangalore, Old Airport Road
When: July 15 and 16; 11 am–8 pm

03 Catch seats

Here's a chance for theatre lovers to watch a Kannada play called 36 Sati Savitri Nivasa, which narrates the lives of three middle-class women. Find out how their lives turn when a person starts residing in their apartment. The play focuses on friendship and other aspects of life. Enjoy this play, as it has some good music.
Where: Ranga Shankara
When: Wednesday, July 12; 7:30pm

Will this plan work?

BBMP decides to deploy squad to address garbage, blackspots, potholes, and lights in city

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had previously claimed that there would be no blackspots in the city. However, true to its reputation for missing deadlines, the BBMP failed to meet yet another deadline. Officials later stated that marshals would be deployed to prevent littering on the roads and footpaths, aiming to eliminate blackspots. Unfortunately, this plan seems to have also fallen short. Following a stern reprimand from Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who is also the Bengaluru District in-charge minister, the BBMP has now devised another strategy to rid the city of blackspots. The civic agency has decided to form a squad that will tour the city to maintain cleanliness. Only time will tell whether this new plan will join the BBMP's long list of failed initiatives or succeed in making the city clean.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath announced on Monday that the BBMP will soon establish a dedicated team to monitor and address issues related to garbage dumping, potholes, streetlights, and other concerns. Nath stated, "Currently, many people are illegally disposing of waste on footpaths, and this needs to be tracked and addressed. Previously, marshals were responsible for monitoring footpath dumping and taking action, but now a new squad will be formed. Each zone will have deployed squads to address garbage, blackspots, potholes, and lights, with marshals also being part of these squads. Squad members will be required to capture videos of the issues on their mobile phones and upload them for further action."

Marshals to be part of the new squads to repair potholes

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–Tushar Giri Nath

Civic activists point out that Bengaluru has gained notoriety for its poor maintenance of roads and footpaths. Even during Deputy Chief Minister Shivakumar's recent visit, numerous instances of garbage dumping on footpaths were observed.

Despite multiple deadlines set by the BBMP last year to repair potholes, the roads continue to be in a dilapidated state, with potholes persisting. The previous approach of relying on people to report potholes through an app has proven ineffective. Hence, officials believe that the new squad will be more efficient in dealing with these issues.

Furthermore, the Chief Commissioner highlighted the need for improvements in waste processing plants. He observed that unauthorised vehicles are being used for garbage transportation, which will be closely monitored.

"Additionally, the marketing of compost derived from waste needs to be facilitated for proper disposal. Instead of the waste-to-energy plant, which Deputy CM Shivakumar deemed unfeasible, alternative options such as converting compost into bioCNG and other products will be explored. A comprehensive plan will be developed to effectively utilise these alternatives," Nath said.

Indira canteens to get new helpline

Meanwhile, Indira canteens will soon introduce a new helpline. Nath announced the launch of a toll-free helpline number-1533. Allegations of overcharging at Indira Canteens have been made, and specific complaints will be addressed with appropriate action taken.

Nath added, "An official will be assigned to visit each centre daily, evaluate the food, and provide a daily report. While a new technology for uploading the reports will be introduced later, the existing reporting method will be followed for now. Daily feedback will be obtained from the officials. Regarding Indira Canteen tenders, the BBMP received proceedings from the government last Thursday. Tenders will be called in the coming days, and it will take approximately 15 days to identify the successful bidder. Currently, the canteens are operated by existing contractors. Once the new bidder is finalised, the new caterers will take over, which may result in slight changes to the menu."

City bikers unleash their adventurous spirits

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The city's biking clubs are slowly gaining popularity, with people from diverse backgrounds travelling together. Riding to the outskirts of Bengaluru is a common trend among the community during weekends. One such destination that has gained popularity is Acchalu Betta in Ramanagara. With no concrete roads on these hills, off-roading becomes an all-new adventure at this location for biking enthusiasts.

Ravikiran Venkatswamy, part of the Livingstone biking group and who rides the KTM Adventure 390, said, "It takes 40 minutes to reach the destination from Kanakpura ring road, where the metro ends. From central Bengaluru, it takes an hour and a half. The road is not very good, and construction is going on. I have been there four times, and it is different every time. The first time, it was convenient to ride up in January. In June, before the monsoon, it is difficult to ride up. You need a person's support, as it is risky. If you have an adventure bike, it is easy."

Acchalu Betta in Ramanagara has gained popularity among bikers

BIKERS' BUZZ
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He added that for beginners to ride up, it would take 2-3 hours, whereas experts can go in an hour. With a stressful job, he travels for a change on weekends. Not being a party person, off-road biking excites him.

Elaborating on good eateries and other things closeby, he said, "There is a famous spot called Kote Mane Idly, which has been there for 45 years and where we had to wait for 45 minutes. After eating, one can ride up to Betta. There is also Kapalibetta nearby for off-roading. There are also Ganalu Falls, and it is best to visit during the rainy season."

He explained that if a biker is a beginner, one should go with 2-3 riders, as it is risky. The villagers are good and extremely helpful in giving directions for riding up the hill and advise riders to go slow in village limits.

Manjunatha Swamy, another biker who rides a KTM Duke 200 and is a co-founder of the Livingstone biking club, said, "I have ridden up these hills four times, and each time it is a different experience. Because it is off-roading, this might be because of the season and the weather. It is a good road but risky as the mud sinks with water, making it slippery. It was difficult for four-wheelers as well. The more acceleration one gives, the more the rear tyre skids. Bikers have to gear up with knee and elbow guards. A jacket would be preferred, and a helmet is mandatory."

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BBMP demolishes 10 illegal structures on footpath at Austin Town in Shanthinagar; plans to remove other encroachments in area

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Finally, the people residing on the upper floors of apartments constructed by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) at Austin Town in Shanthinagar Assembly constituency got much-needed relief. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities have demolished illegal structures put up by a few greedy residents, especially those residing on the ground floor.

There are 34 blocks, and each of them consists of 16 one-bedroom, hall, and kitchen (1BHK) flats. Most of the residents belong to economically backward families. With a few residents constructing structures for business purposes, the residents of the first, second, and third floors were facing a lot of problems finding a place to park their vehicles.

Bangalore Mirror published a story – No Common Ground – on June 11, narrating how the common area for parking vehicles was occupied illegally for commercial purposes.

Recently, the BBMP assistant executive engineer arrived with an earthmover and men to clear the encroachments. The BBMP men demolished around 10 shops on the footpath adjacent to the BDA apartment complex. "I am very happy and thankful to the BBMP assistant executive engineer for clearing the encroachments. I want to thank Bangalore Mirror for highlighting our problems. The BBMP assistant executive engineer gave two days' time to a shop owner to vacate the shop, which had a concrete roof. I hope the BBMP authorities clear the remaining structures put up illegally," said Philip Raj, a resident who complained to the BBMP authorities and BDA officials about the illegal construction of structures around the BDA apartment complex.

He added that he has been running from pillar to post for the last two and a half years, seeking justice from the authorities concerned.

Thanking the BBMP authorities for demolishing the illegal structures, Shalini Fernandez, a resident, said that she used to struggle a lot to park her two-wheeler. "I am residing on the second floor. With no space to park the vehicle in front of the apartment complex, I used to park my two-wheeler on the road," said Fernandez.

Expressing a similar opinion, Gagana Shree, a resident, said that she wanted to thank the authorities responsible for the demolition of the illegal structures. "I used to park my two-wheeler in front of the stairs, but there was no guarantee for its safety as miscreants used to have food by sitting on my two-wheeler. Now, I can park my vehicle without any hassles," said Shree.

Meanwhile, BBMP Assistant Executive Engineer (Domlur division) Murthy said that the encroachments will be removed. "We are removing encroachments not only at the BDA apartment complex but also in other areas of Austin Town."

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> –Gagana Shree, a resident

An earthmover engaged to clear the encroachments at Austin Town in Shanthinagar

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Those in the upper floors of Austin Town's BDA flats have a peculiar problem — those on the ground floor have 'encroached upon all of the common area', leaving them with no space

NO COMMON GROUND

Some have rented out space to commercial entities; parking, access to flats gets difficult

BM's report on June 11 about how the common area for parking vehicles was occupied illegaly

Fed-up residents reach out to CPCB

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After the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) failed to take action against nighttime construction activities going on for months in a residential sub-locality of CV Raman Nagar, the aggrieved residents have now knocked on the doors of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

This comes after KSPCB recently issued a notice to Bagmane Developers Pvt Ltd for violating guidelines on noise pollution and the Karnataka High Court's order curbing construction during the night hours (between 10 pm and 6 am), at its campus located in a residential sub-locality of CV Raman Nagar.

Nighttime construction activities going on in CV Raman Nagar

The board sent the notice following a site inspection and observing multiple violations at the construction site. The notice sent to the director of Bagmane Developers Pvt Ltd also shows that the violations are serious and that further action will be taken if no satisfactory reply with an action taken report is received by the Board within seven days of the receipt of the notice.

However, residents say that the construction work has not stopped even after seven days of the issuance of the notice by KSPCB. "The amount of noise emanating from this site during nighttime is touching 78 to 100 decibels. Since the construction started, the builder has been boldly flouting all rules and regulations. Despite multiple complaints to KSPCB, no action has been taken against the builder, and thus we are left with no option but to take up the issue with CPCB," said a resident.

KSPCB, in the notice, also mentioned that in case of disobedience, the board might withdraw the consent of establishment issued to Bagmane Developers Pvt Ltd and will initiate action against the organisation under Section 31(A) of the Air Act by issuing directions to BESCOM to disconnect the power supply and BWSSB to disconnect water supply.

When BM tried to reach out to the area environment officer of KSPCB, they said, "The builder is carrying out construction activity at night so the work is completed faster, and residents can be at peace after that. If the construction activity is happening without any noise, there shouldn't be reason for concern."

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Okalipuram

There are illegal flex banners at the Okalipuram main road corner. Concerned authorities should do something.

Fill this
Jayanagar

The authorities at BBMP have not filled the pothole on the premises of the Great Ganesha Temple, 4th Block, Jayanagar. It is causing inconveniences for people visiting the temple.

Canine countdown: 50 teams get cracking

Team to scour 1,360 microzones; surveyers will put on record each dog they see

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) initiated its much-awaited comprehensive dog census in Bengaluru, starting on July 11, with 50 teams of experts scouring through 1,360 microzones of BBMP's limit.

The survey will span all 243 wards of BBMP and will cover 166.7 square kilometres out of the total 840 square kilometres area. The enumerators include 70 officials from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and 30 officials from BBMP's Animal husbandry department.

The sight-resight study will involve a pair of surveyors travelling on a two-wheeler through all parts of allocated microzones and recording details of every dog they see. The final number will be extrapolated to estimate the total number of street dogs in Bengaluru.

"If no rain, the survey will start on Tuesday morning with 50 teams. If all goes well and the weather permits, the survey will be completed by the end of July and we will have the results by mid-August. Drone technology will be used on a pilot basis for such kind of survey for the first time across the country. We are looking forward to the outcome," said KP Ravikumar, Joint Director, BBMP, Animal Husbandry Department.

"The survey outcome will help estimate the number of stray dogs in the city and zone-wise as well. The results will be crucial for implementing effective population control measures such as spaying and neutering programs

Of 1360 microzones identified by researchers, 772 are in commercial areas of the city, 209 are around lakes, 207 are slum areas and 172 microzones have been classified as others.

After a gap of five years, the survey results will help analyse the efficacy of the ongoing ABC/ARV program by the civic agency. The last survey done to estimate the total number of street dogs in Bengaluru was conducted in 2019, recording 3.1 lakhs stray dogs. Before that, 1.85 lakhs dogs were recorded in the 2012 survey and 1.83 lakhs in the 2007 survey.

"By understanding the size of the stray dog population, we will be able to allocate resources more efficiently and plan strategies accordingly. Areas with a high prevalence of stray dogs will be managed differently and help us improve animal welfare activities too," said a senior official from BBMP's Animal Husbandry department.

Each team will be allotted four microzones per day and every team will survey 28 zones for the first seven days sighting the stray dogs in the given areas. The given team will go around the same 28 microzones over the next seven days, resighting the stray dogs and entering the data in the WVS application.

Data recorded in the survey application will include information such as male or female, female lactating or not lactating, number of puppies, and neutered or unneutered dogs.

The sampling methodology for the survey has been formulated by scientists from the National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR-NIVEDI).

Warning: New road scam targets motorists

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Pranay Kotasthane, a renowned author, professor, and deputy director of the prestigious Takshasila Institution, recently recounted a distressing encounter he had in the city, warning fellow citizens to be vigilant against a new scam that targets motorists.

"On Sunday (July 2), we were waiting for the traffic signal to turn green on the Queens Road signal, turning towards Alliance Francaise. After turning, one guy in an Activa stopped us aggressively and started accusing us that our car had gone over his leg," tweeted Pranay.

The victim claimed that he was startled because he drives slowly and cautiously. "Particularly when we made a gradual bend after the cars in front of us had moved. In any case, I apologised, supposing I had made a mistake unintentionally," he added.

As soon as the victim apologised, the accused got more aggressive and started shouting expletives. "He clearly wanted me to get out of the car and confront him. But somehow, I maintained my calm and just went ahead. After some distance, he took another route and let us go," said Pranay.

On July 4, Tuesday at around 5.30 pm, the same thing happened to him, this time on Wheeler Road near Thom's Bakery and it was the same accused.

"He swerved ahead of my car. And he let another accomplice of his, on another two-wheeler, try the same trick. The guy started banging the car windows and made the same accusation. Now I was sure that this was a fraud. Luckily, there were quite a few traffic policemen nearby," he tweeted.

The victim stopped the car near a place where there were traffic police who were catching traffic rule violations. The two two-wheelers ran away as soon as they saw the car stop, said the victim.

"The guy started banging the car windows and made the same accusation. Now I was sure that this was a fraud. Luckily, there were quite a few traffic policemen nearby

"I then went to the police officer and explained the situation. He told me this is a common fraud and that I should register a complaint. Since I couldn't identify the number plates, I didn't go to the police station. Luckily I had a dashcam on my car and was able to identify the number plate of one of the two fraudsters," said Pranay.

CRIME FILES

Marriage fraud

A 35-year-old resident of Bengaluru, has been arrested for lying to and marrying 15 women. Mahesh KB Naik used to contact women on matrimonial sites, claiming to be a doctor or an engineer and making acquaintances. Apart from that, his target was elderly unmarried women and divorced women.

Kuvempunagar police station registered a case and arrested the accused on the basis of a complaint filed by a female software engineer who got married recently. According to the sources, the accused has four children with different women.

The accused has studied up to 5th standard and has married women by acting as a doctor, engineer or civil contractor. The police arrested Mahesh and seized Rs 2 lakh cash, two cars, gold jewellery and seven mobile phones from him.

Tomato theft

In a shocking occurrence, miscreants in Bengaluru targeted and robbed a van carrying a sizable quantity of tomatoes, weighing over 2,000 kg. On July 8, the incident took place at the RMC Yard police station limits nearby Chikkajala.

According to the sources, a farmer was travelling from Hiriyur to Kolar on Saturday with his recently harvested tomatoes. While travelling, a vehicle with three people started to pursue the farmer's vehicle carrying the tomatoes.

Later, the vehicle was stopped by the car's occupants who claimed that their vehicle had crashed with the farmer's vehicle near Peenya. The farmer apparently suffered an assault as the conversation heated up.

In addition to demanding money from the victims, the criminals also forced them to transfer money online.

Labourers hurt

Three construction workers were injured after gelatin sticks detonated at a building site in Whitefield, four days ago. The injured people were checked into a private hospital where two are fighting for their lives. Three members of an earthmoving company have been arrested by the Whitefield police in this regard.

On June 6, at approximately 10:30 p.m. , gelatin sticks detonated at the construction site while workers were unlawfully blasting rocks. The corporate representatives vanished after taking the injured workers to a hospital. Some claim that they failed to inform the workers' families.

Upon receiving a complaint from Kalyani, the wife of Srinivas, one of the injured labourers, the Whitefield police arrested Manjunath Reddy, Kushal Reddy, Prabhu, Lokesh, Vikram Marla, and three other people in connection with the incident. Manjunath Reddy, Lokesh, and Saketh have now been taken into custody.

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Illegal encroachments devastate B'luru's forests

Bengaluru's forests under siege: over 1,000 hectares lost to illegal encroachments

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In little over four decades, nearly 1,000 hectares of forest area in Bengaluru has been encroached upon. While the total forest area in Bengaluru urban division is 6875.21 hectares, 924.4 hectares are illegally occupied.

Bannerghatta National Park division alone recorded encroachment of 587.15 acres and witnessed 347 encroachment cases filed.

The information was shared by Minister of Forest, Environment, and Ecology, Eshwar Khandre in the state assembly session on Monday.

Responding to a query, the minister also informed that as many as 704 encroachment cases have been filed against these encroachments since 1978. Out of these, 65 encroachment cases were registered in the Bengaluru North subdivision, 20 cases were registered in the Yelahanka sub-division, 250 in Bengaluru East sub-division, 283 in Bangalore South, and 86 in Anekal sub-division.

Environment experts and conservationists say an encroachment of 14% of the total forest area is a sizable number.

"Looking at the total available green patch, 924.6 hectares is a big number. According to a judgment passed by the Supreme Court in 2002, no fresh encroachments of forest land should be allowed. In case of violations, the official concerned, which is the Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF) of the subdivision should be held liable. Any forest department officials giving the opportunity to encroachers can also be prosecuted," said a city-based forest and wildlife conservationist.

> **According to a judgment passed by the Supreme Court in 2002, no fresh encroachments of forest land should be allowed**
> –Forest and wildlife conservationist

Activists and conservationists say while a handful of cases against forest land encroachments have been filed over the last 45 years, hardly any of these cases have reached their logical end.

"In most of the cases filed, the officials have initiated actions and have followed the procedures mentioned under section 64(A) of the Forest Act and have filed FIRs. However, this is where it all ends. The department must come up with year-wise encroachment numbers and eviction conducted so far. Most of the time, appropriate legal action is not taken and on other occasions, officials crumble under political pressure," said the conservationist.

Experts say on-foot patrolling, boundary perambulation, and sensitising people about the legal aspects of illegal possession of forest land are some measures that can be taken to bring down the extent of encroachments.

IN BRIEF

HC issues notice to K'taka govt for appointing tainted officer

The high court on Monday issued a notice to the state government over the appointment of an allegedly tainted officer as the Commissioner of the Karnataka Information Commission (KIC).

The bench had passed the order after looking into the petition seeking quashing of the appointment of H.C. Sathyan as the Commissioner of the KIC, which was done by the previous government in 2022.

The petition contended that Sathyan was facing a probe in connection with the disproportionate assets case and was being investigated under the Prevention of Corruption Act. It mentioned that when the inquiry was being conducted against Sathyan under the PC Act, he was appointed to the top post.

The bench headed by Justice Krishna S. Dixit ordered to issue the notice to Sathyan and the Government of Karnataka.

The petition was submitted by the Charitable Trust Committee for Public Accountability based in Bengaluru. The petition claimed that Sathyan was an employee of the Karnataka Road Transport Corporation.

A committee headed by the then Chief Minister, opposition leader and cabinet ministers selected him for the post on February 14, 2022.

The Lokayukta police had already registered a criminal case against Sathyan and the case is in the court. The petition claims that Satyan had concealed the matter in his application. **IANS**

Cash for rice scheme kickstarts

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Finally, the State government has commenced the disbursal of cash instead of providing 5 kg of rice to beneficiaries under the 'Anna Bhagya' scheme. The Chief Minister, Siddaramaiah, launched the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) program, fulfilling one of the five election guarantees made by the Congress government. Due to difficulties in procuring sufficient rice quantities, the state government decided to provide cash at a rate of Rs 34 per kg for the additional 5 kg of rice under the free rice scheme. This scheme applies to all members of below-poverty line (BPL) households and 'Antyodaya' households.

Siddaramaiah inaugurated the DBT program, stating that around 4.42 crore people will benefit

from it. The scheme was initially launched in Mysuru and Kolar districts and will be extended to all districts within this month. Siddaramaiah accused the BJP government at the Centre of engaging in "dirty politics" by withholding the required quantity of rice for the 'Anna Bhagya' scheme, even though there were sufficient stocks available through the Food Corporation of India (FCI). He further mentioned that the government has called for tenders to purchase rice from the open market while providing cash assistance until the rice supply is restored.

The cost of implementing this program will amount to Rs 10,000 crore per year, according to Siddaramaiah. He recalled that he had initially launched the 'Anna Bhagya' scheme on the same day 10 years ago when he became the Chief Minister for the first time. Several members of Siddaramaiah's cabinet, including Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, Ministers H K Patil, Ramalinga Reddy, and K J George, were present during the event.

K H Muniyappa, the Food and Civil Supplies Minister, stated that funds would be transferred first to beneficiaries in Mysuru and Kolar districts, followed by other districts in a phased manner over the next 10 days. The state government reported that Karnataka has 1.28 crore ration cards for 'Antyodaya Anna Yojana and Priority Households'. Almost all these cards (99%) are linked to an Aadhaar number, and 82% (1.06 crore) are associated with active bank accounts, allowing cash transfers to begin for these beneficiaries. The remaining ration card holders will be informed to open new accounts.

Approximately 1.27 crore ration cards have one member designated as the head of households (HoH). Cash will be transferred directly to the bank accounts of these HoHs. Siddaramaiah mentioned that the implementation of all five poll guarantees would cost more than Rs 52,000 crore annually.

> **The government reported 1.28 crore ration cards for 'Antyodaya Anna Yojana'**

The government has already fulfilled one guarantee by providing free services for women in public transport buses through the 'Shakti' scheme. The 'Gruha Jyothi' scheme, which offers 200 units of free electricity to households, has also come into effect this month, with the electricity bill to be adjusted accordingly. The remaining two guarantees involve providing Rs 2,000 monthly assistance to the woman head of each family (Gruha Lakshmi) from August 16 and providing Rs 3,000 per month to unemployed graduate youth and Rs 1,500 to unemployed diploma holders (Yuva Nidhi) by November or December.

Cross-checking fervour hits Vidhana Soudha

Marshals given printouts with names, pictures of MLAs to make keep outsiders at bay

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On Monday, the marshals responsible for security at the legislature were provided with printouts containing details of the newly elected MLAs, including their names and photos. This is reportedly the first time in recent memory that the photos of the newly elected legislators have been circulated to the marshals.

Sources indicate that this measure was taken to prevent unauthorised individuals from entering the premises. With 70 new MLAs participating in the session, many marshals were unfamiliar with their faces, making it difficult for them to verify the identity of the legislators. The distribution of the printouts aimed to address this challenge.

This decision follows an incident in which a man impersonated an MLA and gained access to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly during the budget presentation on Friday. Taking serious note of the breach, State Home Minister G Parameshwara requested a report from the police regarding the security lapse. The accused, identified as CD Thipperudrappa alias Kariyappa, a resident of Doddapete in Molakalmuru taluk in Chitradurga district, was found to be mentally unstable during the preliminary investigation and claimed to be an advocate. Kariyappa entered the Vidhana Soudha (the state Assembly) through the east gate on Friday. He accompanied the MLAs, and when the marshals stopped him, he falsely claimed to be an MLA and questioned their recognition of him.

The security staff assumed him to be a first-time MLA and allowed him to proceed. The accused entered the hall around 12 noon and occupied the seat of JD(S) MLA Karemma G Nayak. JD(S) MLA Sharanagouda Kandakur brought the matter to the speaker's attention upon noticing the unfamiliar individual.

Before authorities could take action, the accused managed to leave the seat and disappear. However, the police apprehended him on the premises of Vidhana Soudha. The accused had sat in the MLA's seat and participated in the session for 15 minutes. Preliminary inquiry revealed that he had obtained a visitor's pass and visited Vidhana Soudha on July 3. The accused has been charged with trespassing and impersonation.

Meanwhile, Speaker UT Khader directed the police on Monday to enhance security measures and conduct thorough searches of individuals. The security staff discovered a knife in the bag of a woman entering the building through the East Gate. The police confiscated the knife and allowed the woman to enter the state legislature. However, due to the seriousness of the matter, she was later escorted out of the building.

Cars parked at Vidhana Soudha premises during Budget Session, in Bengaluru on Monday; the form given to marshals (inset)

Ssecurity staff found a knife in the bag of a woman entering the building through the East Gate. The police confiscated the knife and later escorted the woman out of the building

Heart attack: Ex-Isro chief shifted to B'luru

Former ISRO chairperson and head of New Education Policy's drafting committee K Kasturirangan suffered a heart attack in Sri Lanka and is being shifted to Bengaluru for treatment, sources said on Monday.

His condition is stated to be stable, they added.

Kasturirangan, 83, has previously been chancellor of the Jawaharlal Nehru University and chairman of the Karnataka Knowledge Commission. He has been a former member of the Rajya Sabha (2003–09) and a former member of the now defunct Planning Commission of India.

He was also the Director of the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, from April 2004 to 2009. **–PTI**

Farmer, daughter electrocuted

In a shocking incident, a man and his daughter were electrocuted to death at their farm in Tumakuru district of Karnataka on Monday.

The incident took place in Basavanahalli village in Pavagada taluq. The deceased are identified as Ramakrishna Reddy (65) and Niramala.

Police said that Ramakrishna had gone to irrigate the land at his farm near Yalloti in Basavanahalli village. He got electrocuted near the borewell and died on the spot.

His daughter Nirmala, who came in search of her father, touched him and succumbed to death after coming into contact with the electricity.

Pavagada police are investigating the matter. **–IANS**

Rains batter north India: 200 stranded in Himachal

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With raging waters washing away cars and roads, submerging fields and gushing into residential areas, it was another day of rain havoc in parts of north India, particularly Himachal Pradesh where landslides claimed four more lives and more than 200 people remain stranded. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke with senior ministers and officials to take stock of the situation.

Several rivers, including the Yamuna in Delhi, in north India are in spate. In cities and towns across the region, many roads and residential areas were submerged in knee-deep water with the civic system unable to hold on in the face of record rains on Sunday.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday asked the Centre to make available additional relief from the PM CARES Fund for states affected by the torrential rain.

The prime minister spoke with senior ministers and officials and took stock of the situation in the wake of excessive rainfall in parts of the country, his office said.

Local administrations, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams are working to ensure the well-being of those affected, the Prime Minister's Office said.

Landslides claimed four more lives in Shimla and the Shimla-Kalka highway was blocked Monday morning as heavy rains wreaked havoc in the hill state for the third day, police said.

Damaged Bhuntar Valley Bridge after a section was washed away in the swollen Beas river owing to monsoon rainfall, in Kullu on Monday

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said 16 or 17 people were killed in rain-related incidents in the state in the last two days.

Twenty people stranded in tourist town of Manali were rescued but about 300 others were stuck across various parts of the hill state, officials said.

Three people died after a landslide struck a house in Theog subdivision of Shimla on Monday morning. The incident occurred in Pallavi village and the deceased were identified as Deep Bahadur, Devdasi and Mohan Bahadur, police said.

The body of an elderly woman, who was trapped under debris following a landslide in Rajhana village on the outskirts of Shimla city, was retrieved on Sunday night, hours after the body of her granddaughter was recovered from the site.

On Monday morning, the meteorological department issued a "red" alert for "extremely heavy rain", a day after heavy rain pounded the state, triggering landslides, and damaging houses.

Officials said rail operations on the Shimla-Kalka route, a UNESCO world heritage site, have been suspended till Tuesday as landslides blocked the track at several places while educational institutions across the state were ordered to remain shut on Monday and Tuesday.

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The Shimla-Kalka National Highway was blocked near Shoghi, about 16 km from the capital city, following a landslide on Monday.

More than 120 roads are blocked in the district while 484 water supply schemes have been affected, officials said. Sukhu, in a video released on Monday morning, appealed to the people to avoid venturing out in heavy rains, especially near rivers and nullahs, and remain vigilant for the next 24 hours as the Met department has warned of heavy rains to continue. **-PTI**

State Cong to stage protest on July 12 against Rahul's disqualification

Deputy CM and Karnataka Congress President DK Shivakumar on Monday said that they will stage a silent protest on July 12 against the alleged conspiracy of the BJP government to end the political career of Rahul Gandhi. Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru, Dy CM Shivakumar said that BJP union government is attempting to conspire and end political career of Rahul Gandhi.

He said that the Karnataka Congress would organise a silent protest on July 12 at the Freedom Park in Bengaluru from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, myself, AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala, all MLAs, ministers, MPs and leaders will take part," Shivakumar said.

He said that Rahul Gandhi has never damaged the prestige of the country. There is a conspiracy to end his political career in the pretext of the speech he delivered in Karnataka.

"We condemn this. The message has to be sent to the opposition and across the country to stand with Rahul Gandhi who is standing for truth and the country," Shivakumar said.

He said that the BJP was not able to tolerate the success of Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra and our big success in Karnataka that is why his membership of Parliament was suspended.

"The Congress has won in all constituencies where Rahul Gandhi took out Pada Yatra," Shivakumar stated.

He said that the suggestion had come to take up Bharat Jodo Yatra from East to West in India. **–IANS**

Rain makes a splash

Water gushes onto Residency Road near Cash Pharmacy after evening showers lashed Bengaluru on Monday

K'taka govt rules out CBI probe into Jain monk's murder, community holds protests

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Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara on Monday ruled out handing over the probe into the brutal murder of a Jain monk in Belagavi district, as he complimented the efficiency of the state police in investigating the case and arrests made so far.

He said this even as the chorus grew in favour of a CBI probe, with the opposition BJP making a strong demand in this regard in the Legislative Assembly, while expressing apprehensions that the way in which the police is handling the case, may lead to a "cover up".

Also, protests were held by the Jain community at several places, especially in Chikkodi in Belagavi district today condemning the "brutal" killing of the monk, and demanding justice and protection.

Kamkumar Nandi Maharaj from Nand Parvat Ashram at Hirekodi village in Chikkodi taluk was allegedly murdered and his body was dumped in a borewell pit at Khatakbhavi village in Raibag taluk. "No one will do politics or other kinds of discrimination in such cases...After the police got to know about the incident and the complaint was filed...Police have immediately swung into action, and have arrested the culprits. They have recovered the body parts that were dumped in a borewell pit and have taken necessary action. I compliment the police for the swift action," Parameshwara told reporters here. Noting that he has spoken to Jain seer Varuru Gunadhara Nandi Maharaj, who had threatened to launch fast-unto-death protest in Hubballi following the incident, and that he has come to meet him, Parameshwara said he has come listen to the seer's demands and give assurances that action will be taken and it will be ensured that such incidents don't repeat.Responding to a question on the demand for a CBI probe into the incident, the Minister said the police department is efficient and arrested the culprits immediately.

"The inquiry is underway, so I don't see the need for the probe to be handed over to CBI or any other agency immediately. The police department has started the inquiry and once it is completed the truth will be known," he added. Police have said investigation is underway from all angles in connection with the murder and two accused have been arrested. **PTI**

Cable guys are messing with our water too?

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from the authorities concerned and damaged underground drainage (UGD) pipes and Cauvery water supply pipes thus resulting in drinking water getting mixed with sewage.

It stated that despite repeated pleas and reminders, the assistant executive engineer of BBMP and the assistant executive engineer of the BWSSB failed to lodge a complaint against those responsible for digging up roads without permission and also damaging UGD pipes and Cauvery water supply pipes.

"We suffered a lot due to water contamination. I had informed the BWSSB and the BBMP assistant executive engineers about a private telecom service provider laying the optical fibre cable. It is not clear whether the BBMP has received the specified amount from the telecom service provider. My objective is that telecom service providers have to pay money for digging roads to lay the cables," said Rowland Soans, a resident of Arakere.

Agreeing that many roads were dug up illegally for laying optical fibre cables across the city, Lanchamukta Karnataka Nirmana Vedike State Secretary VR Marathe said the telecom service providers are illegally using trees, electric and telephone poles or buildings to draw cables in collusion with the officials either either for gratification or as per the instructions from their superior officers thus causing a huge revenue loss to the exchequer.

"We had succeeded in getting police registered FIRs against those responsible for digging roads against the norms. However, the police had filed a B report giving a clean chit to the offenders. We have also seen many of the mobile service providers laying cables through sanitary lines and drains," Marathe said.

Meanwhile, BBMP assistant executive engineer Prakash said the digging of the road happened much before he assumed office of assistant executive engineer of Arakere ward.

"I am against digging roads without permission by anyone. As soon as I received the complaint, I took the measures to remove those cables. I am not happy with the people who complained against me for no fault of mine. I am finding it tough to discharge my duties," said Prakash.

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Deinfluencing trend reflects growing desire for authenticity online

A new social media trend has recently emerged in response to the materialistic nature of influencer culture: deinfluencing. This trend involves influencers discouraging their followers from buying overpriced or ineffective products.

Influencing is a highly profitable form of marketing, reaching a market value of US$16.4 billion in 2022. But by its nature, influencing can also be disingenuous. Influencers often end up promoting products they don't believe in, or that don't align with their follower base.

The deinfluencing trend is shaking up this model. The trend has quickly gained momentum, with nearly 730 million views on TikTok as of July 7. There are a few reasons for its growing popularity, including a desire for authenticity, social media burnout and a shift in values.

Desire for authenticity

The growing demand for authentic and unfiltered content online has given rise to both micro-influencers and the deinfluencing trend.

Micro-influencers typically have a follower base ranging between 10,000 to 100,000. They build a tight-knit community with their followers and can have a significant impact on their purchase decisions.

In response to the desire for authenticity, deinfluencers prioritise genuine content and real engagement over the meticulously curated content and commercial partnerships that are common in traditional influencer culture.

Social media burnout

Social media burnout refers to the emotional exhaustion caused by the constant pressure to maintain an idealized image on digital platforms. This issue affects both influencers and their followers.

The journey from being an ordinary consumer to becoming a brand influencer involves a significant shift in mindset, since influencers must maintain brand consistency to ensure a positive image. This pressure often leads to burnout over time.

On the flip side, a large number of consumers are exposed to idealized lifestyles through influencers. This often compels individuals to attempt to imitate or adapt to these lifestyles, leading to burnout and potential mental health challenges in the long run.

Deinfluencing addresses these challenges for both consumers and influencers by encouraging influencers to step away from the constant pressure of maintaining a perfect image and supporting better mental health.

For consumers, deinfluencing offers a more balanced and realistic perspective on life, resulting in individuals feeling less pressured to live up to unrealistic standards.

Shift in values

The evolution of societal values towards transparency, honesty and genuine connection aligns with a greater consciousness about sustainability.

In a recent paper, my colleagues and I examined over 440,000 YouTube comments from 2011 to 2021 and found an increase in conversations about sustainable fashion.

The deinfluencing movement is positioned at this intersection, contrasting sharply with the traditional influencer culture that often fuels rampant consumerism and wasteful habits.

Deinfluencers are in a unique position to foster a more sustainable approach to consumption. Rather than promoting the latest products or trends, they highlight mindful consumption, sustainability and the importance of making thoughtful choices.

This approach is a key response to the overconsumption often seen in traditional influencer culture, which can lead to unnecessary waste and contribute to environmental degradation over time.

Is it only positive?

While the deinfluencing trend may be positive, there are some side-effects that need to be examined carefully.

One concern is the emergence of pseudo-authenticity, where the pursuit of authenticity is exploited for commercial gain. Influencers may end up projecting an image of authenticity while still actually being motivated by financial interests.

Another challenge is the risk of misinformation, particularly in relation to sustainability. While many deinfluencers may advocate for sustainable practices, they may lack the expertise to provide accurate information. This could lead to them misleading followers who rely on them for information and guidance.

Additionally, the emphasis on authenticity and openness could lead to oversharing. Deinfluencers might feel compelled to share intimate details of their private lives in the pursuit of being real with their audience. However, this can cross boundaries of privacy, potentially causing more harm than good.

For the sake of mental health, it's important for deinfluencers to strike a balance between being relatable and maintaining their own personal boundaries.

What does this mean for businesses?

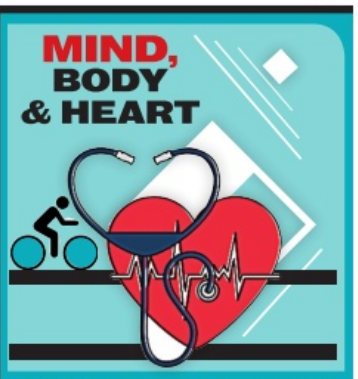
The deinfluencing trend introduces new dynamics for businesses in the digital landscape. While it may disrupt traditional marketing approaches that rely on polished images and celebrity endorsements, it also offers an opportunity to connect with customers on a more genuine level.

By embracing deinfluencing practices, businesses can tap into the authentic relationships influencers build with their followers, potentially boosting trust and engagement.

The emphasis on sustainability among deinfluencers also aligns with the growing consumer demand for responsible practices, providing businesses with an avenue to showcase their commitment to these values.

However, businesses must ensure their collaborations genuinely reflect their values to avoid the trap of pseudo-authenticity, which could harm their reputation and result in accusations of greenwashing.

(By Omar H Fares, Toronto Metropolitan University, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Tips for a first date

Watch what you say
While it's important to engage in meaningful conversation, it's equally important to be mindful of the topics you discuss. Avoid controversial subjects or anything too personal or sensitive in the initial stages. Instead, focus on lighter topics such as hobbies, interests, favourite movies, or travel experiences.

Show genuine interest
Engage in active listening and show genuine interest in your date. Ask open-ended questions that encourage conversation and allow them to share their thoughts and experiences. Show empathy and pay attention to their responses.

Be punctual
Arriving on time is a simple yet crucial aspect of making a good impression. Being punctual demonstrates respect for the other person's time and shows that you are reliable. Plan your journey in advance, accounting for possible delays, and aim to arrive a few minutes early.

Dress well
Your appearance plays a significant role in making a good impression. Dress in a way that makes you feel confident and comfortable, while also considering the location and activity planned for the date. Choose an outfit that is appropriate for the occasion and reflects your personal style.

Be yourself
Authenticity is key in making a good impression. Don't try to be someone you're not or pretend to have interests that you don't genuinely possess. Be true to yourself and let your personality shine. It's essential to establish a connection based on honesty and sincerity.

Show respect
Treating your date with kindness and respect is essential for making a good impression. Be courteous, and polite throughout the date. **—Shagun Roy, Femina**

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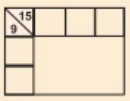
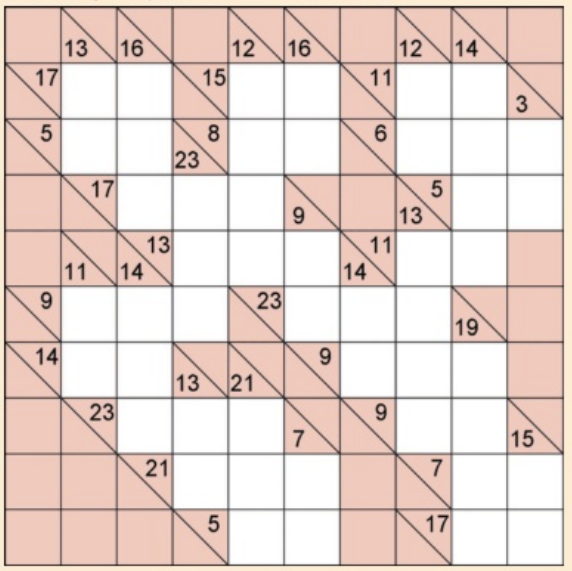
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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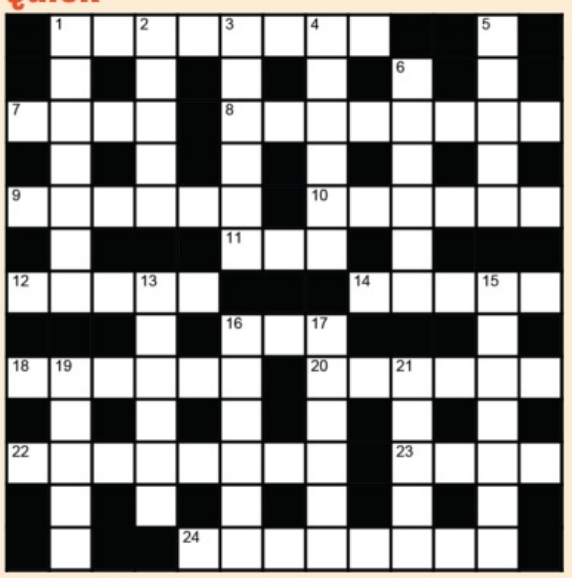


ACROSS

1 A tough or excruciating ordeal (4,4)
7 Ifs and ___ : objections? (4)
8 German physicist, Albert ___ (8)
9 Fried lightly in hot oil (6)
10 Entreaty or plea (6)
11 Gender (3)
12 Die Hard star Willis (5)
14 Money wagered (5)
16 Rock group ___ Leppard (3)
18 Olympic gold medallist ___ Chopra (6)
20 Mistakes (6)
22 Ordinary citizen (8)
23 An outdoor bathing pool (4)
24 Make a prophecy (8)

DOWN

1 First caliph of Mecca (3,4)
2 Map part (5)
3 Fashions or crazes (6)
4 Grammatical structure (6)
5 Indian wheaten flour (5)
6 ___ nothing : be ruthless? (4,2)
13 Silvery metal (6)
15 Karnataka's first Chief Minister (1,1,5)
16 Quentin Tarantino's ___ Unchained (6)
17 Tame polecat (6)
19 Black timber (5)
21 Breathing sounds (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: P EQUALS H

AGBL Q VWGEGV QS GSVP, PL'RR UWGEL Q XRQF.

Linemaro

I love you because we hate the same stuff

Mindchow

Belief is what the mind does to fill up emptiness, to give it something to look at, to play with, to hide behind

Joke of the day

If at first you don't succeed, blame someone else and seek counselling

Loop

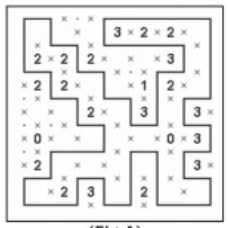
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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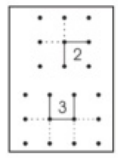
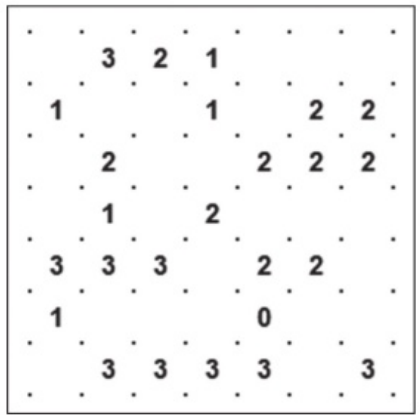


(Fig B) Not Allowed



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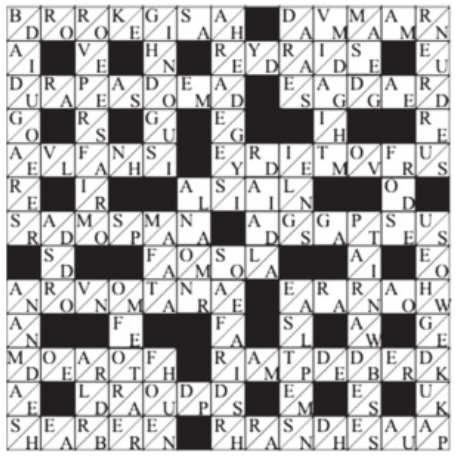
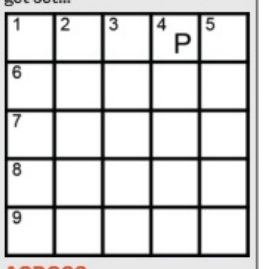


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

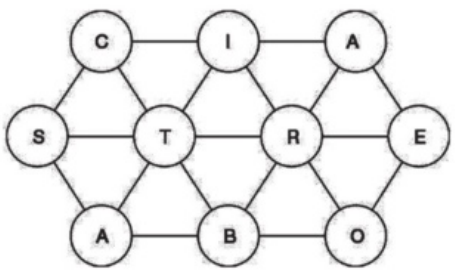
1 Paths; 6 RU car; 7 I grid; 8 Beaus; 9 Sperm

DOWN

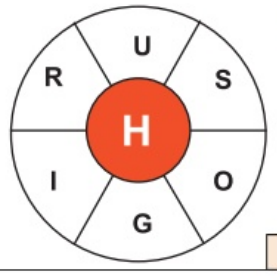
1 Carps; 2 Tiber; 3 A guru; 4 Prims; 5 Shade

Mensapuzzle

Find a 10-letter word by moving from circle to circle; you may only use each circle once.



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; **05** Good; **07** Outstanding

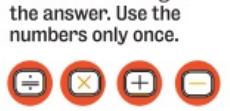
SudokuChallenge

2		6				9		1
	3						2	
		8	9		2	4		
	4	1		8		5	7	
				3				
	5	7		2		3	8	
		5	7		4	2		
	2						9	
7		9				6		4

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 11

4 7 8 8

Medium = 4

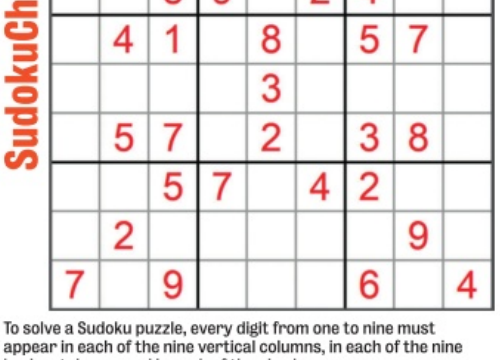
2 3 4 6

Hard = 15

1 8 8 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



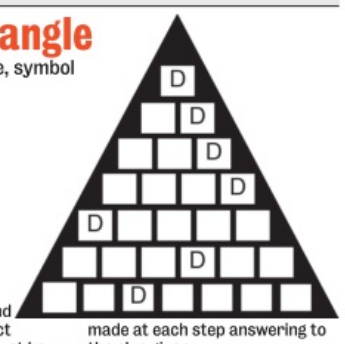
Differences: 1. Nose is different. 2. Glass is missing. 3. Table is wider. 4. Window is larger. 5. Shirt is tucked in. 6. Back of man's chair is different.

Riddler

Starting with ME, add a letter and shuffle to make a new word each time and continue until you reach COMBINE.

Alpha triangle

1 Hydrogen isotope, symbol
2 Ego's partner?
3 Disburden
4 Framework
5 Lament
6 Fortified
7 More unreliable



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

ASK COMIC SHOP JEN ON A DATE THEN, IF YOU LIKE HER SO MUCH.
YEAH, ASK HER TO GO GET FOOD OR SOMETHING.
WHAT IF SHE SAYS NO?
THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO MOVE ON.
BRENT!!
WHAT? I'M RIGHT!
33

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may plan to migrate from your current place to another place. It is advised to think twice before taking decisions regarding migration or change of place. You may also plan to change jobs. There will be peace in the mind. But your kids' health might make you upset. Love birds shall keep patience before taking an important decision in terms of marriage.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may have good patience. Meditation may help you to increase concentration, which may help to speed up your project. Your subordinates may cooperate with you, it may help you to complete the project before the timeline. You are likely to go on short travels related to work. An influential person may help you to boost your network.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be busy with family get together and social events; you may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your prestige among them. You may spend money buying some artifacts or household stuff, which may improve your social status. You are likely to hear some good news from one of your relatives.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you will be busy with family get together; you may re-establish your network, which will give you benefits in near future. Natives related to glamour, art, fashions, films, media may plan to do something new in terms of their profession. Students may perform better today in terms of study. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be busy on the work front, which may make you mentally tired and affect your day-to-day routine. You may be able to create some overseas networks. You should be careful in terms of investments. Natives in the job may get a promotion.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today's situation is under control now. Your destiny is likely to be with you in terms of gains in the past investments. You may get some rewards for your hard work. Projects which were stopped without a reason are likely to be reinitiated. You may expect peaceful religious travel. You may also plan to donate some amount to any religious place or to some charity .

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today your moon is not positive, you may have health issues. You may face losses in the business or in past investment. It is advised not to invest into business. Your gains will convert into losses. So you are advised to stop making investments in worthless objects. You should avoid being involved in controversies, otherwise it will pull you down negatively.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is good for your work, you may be able to perform well in terms of work. Your boss is likely to give you some new responsibility in terms of promotions. Disputes with the partner may be settled down. You may lend money for making your assets. Your kids' health may be better now. You are likely to make some investments for the kid's future.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be blessed by the moon. Love would be in the air in terms of personal life. Singles may find suitable matches. You may do better in terms of professional life. Your friends and subordinate staff may support you. Investments in gems and jewellery are likely to give positive gains in the near future. Should be careful for the elderly's health.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You may be happy due to the blessing from an auspicious planetary combination. You may have some sort of energy, which may create your prestige among people around you. You may spend your time studying intellectual stuff.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today at the start of the day may be a dull day. After late evening, you may control negativity. New people may connect you in the work front. With the help of new people, you may try to revamp your business plans. It is advised to read documents before putting your signature.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today with the help of blessings, you may control your indecisiveness. Kids' health is better now. Your colleagues may be supportive in your work, which will convert into success in terms of project. You may expect to get some incentives with the salary. Natives related to dairy, water projects, grains, home maker art and culture may do good.

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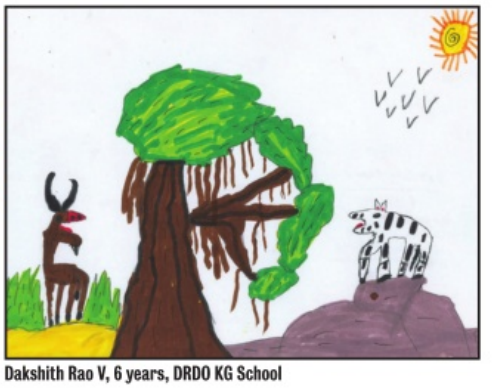

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
√576/6 ÷ 6/24 = 24/6×24/6 = 16

BULL'S EYE
gush, hour, ROGUISH, rough, push, shrug, sigh

STRIKE OUT

FAST FIVE

S	T	A	P	H
A	B	U	S	E
R	I	G	I	D
C	R	U	R	A
P	E	R	M	S

RIDDLER
One solution is: M, ME, MEN, MIEN, MINCE, INCOME, COMBINE

QUOTE UNCODE
Give a critic an inch, he'll write a play.

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
AEROBATICS

SUDOKU

2	7	6	3	4	8	9	5	1
9	3	4	1	6	5	8	2	7
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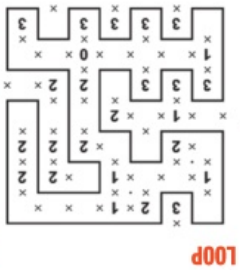
1	6	5	7	9	4	2	3	8
4	2	3	8	1	6	7	9	5
7	8	9	2	5	3	6	1	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
D, Id, Rid, Grid, Dirge, Girded, Dodger.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 7 − 8 + 8 = 11
Medium
4 x 3 / 6 + 2 = 4
Hard
8 − 6 x 8 − 1 = 15

LOOP



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Off on vacay — Shilpa Shetty won fans' hearts with her decision to prioritise work over a family vacation. After making a surprising solo return to Mumbai from a holiday in London sometime back, Shilpa has resumed her tranquil getaway with her loved ones

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Special song for movie 13

Director Narendra Baboo is busy with programmes for the latest Kannada movie 13. A special song was screened at MMB Legacy as part of the promotional activities. Preethi Goswami, who shook a leg with around 20 junior dancers for the song – Chikkavane Doddavane Noodilli – arrived from Mumbai to attend the function. Raghavendra Rajkumar's better half Mangala and Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce president Ba Ma Harish were the chief guests.

"I have to thank director Narendra Baboo for guiding and helping me during the shooting," said Preethi.

Director Narendra Baboo said the movie revolves around communal harmony and national integration. "After writing the script for this movie, I realised that Raghavendra Rajkumar is the only person who can play the Mohan character in this movie," said Baboo.

Raghavendra Rajkumar said he shared the screen with Shruthi in this movie after a gap of 24 years. "I agreed to act in this movie because of its script and title. I had a wonderful experience working for it," said Raghavendra.

God is goat

Veteran director PH Vishwanath, who has handled the megaphone for 14 Kannada movies since 1990, makes a comeback after a gap of seven years. Vishwanath worked as associate director for 12 movies between 1979 and 1990. His maiden movie as director was Panchamaveda. His latest is a comedy flick – Aade Namma God – meaning (Goat is our God).

"Superstitions prevailing in society are the inspiration for me to make this comedy film. People worship crocodiles, pigs, monkeys, and cows. The movie is what happens if four characters (youngsters) in the movie worship a goat as a God," said Vishwanath.

A function was held at Suchitra Film Society, Banashankari, recently to release the teaser of Aade Namma God. The movie, made under BBR Films and Everest India Entertainment banner, has received UA certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification without any cuts.

"The movie was held in and around Mysuru and Bengaluru. We brought a goat from Dharmapura of Hiriyur in Chitradurga. We are contemplating releasing the movie next month," the director said.

Rama Rama Re fame Nataraj, Pinki Elli fame Anoop Shoonya, Manjunath Jambe, Ajith Boppanahalli, Sarika Rao, B Suresh are the cast in this movie. Producer Professora Basavaraj said on the occasion that he enjoys watching movies. "I wanted to make a good Kannada movie. I am happy to realise my dream of bankrolling a movie after a decade of my retirement," said Prof Basavaraj.

At the right time

Sonakshi Sinha basks in success of her cop lady avatar

It took 13 years for Sonakshi Sinha to don a khaki vardi on screen, who in fact made her Bollywood debut as a police officer's wife. Her recently released Dahaad saw Sonakshi as a cop after she played Rajjo to Dabangg officer Salman Khan in the film's multiple installments. While she celebrated every bit of the opportunity, Sonakshi says that there was more to the web series, and is glad that the audience could connect to its message.

She says, "The response has been phenomenal. It was just a role that I was waiting for, and it came to me at the right time. I am so thankful to (the creators) Reema (Kagti) for thinking of me in this powerful character. You take back from it whatever you see... whatever resonates with you."

Talking about the reception she got for her performance, Sonakshi says, "There are so many people who came up to me and told me that it is amazing to see you play a lower caste girl who is fighting for her rights and moving through the hurdles she's put through. The show also focused on fighting patriarchy and being a woman in a man's world. The bigger picture was much larger than what we started out with, and I am truly grateful for what it became, with the kind of feedback that I have got."

After a woman in uniform, Sona will soon be seen in an ethnic, glam avatar in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Heeramandi. The actress will be seen along with Aditi Rao Hydari, Manisha Koirala, Richa Chadha among others.

—Onkar Kulkarni, ETimes

Joaquin as Napoleon

Gladiator' star Joaquin Phoenix and director Ridley Scott have reunited to conquer one more historical military epic, reports 'Variety'.

Sony and Apple have released the first trailer for 'Napoleon', directed by Scott and starring Phoenix as iconic French commander Napoleon Bonaparte.

'Napoleon', according to the film's official logline as quoted by 'Variety', "is an original and personal look at Napoleon's origins and his swift, ruthless climb to emperor, viewed through the prism of his addictive and often volatile relationship with his wife and one true love, Josephine.

"The film captures Napoleon's famous battles, relentless ambition and astounding strategic mind as an extraordinary military leader and war visionary."

Alongside Phoenix, according to 'Variety', 'Napoleon' stars Vanessa Kirby as Empress Josephine, Tahar Rahim as Paul Barras, Ben Miles as Caulaincourt, Ludivine Sagnier as Theresa Cabarrus, Matthew Needham as Lucien Bonaparte, Youssef Kerkour as Marshal Davout, Phil Cornwell as Sanson 'The Bourreau', Edouard Philipponnat as the Russian Tsar Alexander, Paul Rhys as the diplomat Talleyrand, John Hollingworth as Marshall Ney, Gavin Spokes as Moulins and Mark Bonnar as Jean-Andoche Junot.

The Apple production is set to premiere exclusively in theatres this Thanksgiving weekend on November 22. **—IANS**

No nudity please

Nargis Fakhri, who is all set to make her OTT debut, opened up about what excites her the most about this movement towards web space. According to her, she likes how it allows artists to push their boundaries. In an interview with a news portal, Nargis said that she would never be naked for a project as she has a problem with nudity.

However, apart from that, Fakhri added that she is open to taking on challenging roles that may involve portraying characters with diverse sexual orientations or unconventional storylines including homosexuality, which has been a point of debate lately. Elaborating further about the same, Nargis added that she wouldn't mind playing a homosexual or being shown as a woman married to another woman.

According to her, playing any character for her is part of her job. She also went on to address the concerns being raised by several people about how it's uncomfortable to watch OTT content with families. She said that the audience has a a choice to watch it or not. They can choose to switch it off and watch something else instead, she said.

— ETimes